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German Democratic Republic

DAMAGE TO BLAST FURNACES

AT BRANDENBURG

the breakdowns were caused partly by technical errors in construction, especially in the case of blast furnace No 5, which was put into operation in December 1950, and partly by the fact that the plant was not technically equipped to carry out the increased production plan which had been forced upon it by the Party organization. Most of the blast furnace workers were young and untrained and refused to attend study courses organized for their benefit. The work was not sufficiently supervised, and there was a lack of coordination between individual labor processes within the plant.

As of 31 January, the plant was again operating with five furnaces.

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